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TO: Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND OPENING OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
FOR METHIDATHION, A POTENTIAL TOXIC AIR CONTAMINANT

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) announces the opening of the public comment period for the preliminary report entitled "Methidathion (Supracide)–Risk Characterization Document, Revision 1." DPR staff prepared this risk characterization document (RCD) pursuant to the mandate of Assembly Bill 1807, the law that established a procedure for the identification and control of toxic air contaminants in California.

RCD contains ambient air exposure and other exposure scenarios. This comprehensive risk assessment covers worker, residential, ambient air, and dietary exposures when appropriate, to address DPR's responsibility under several different statutes to address the health risks of pesticides. While RCD includes all exposures, public review, and comments should focus on bystander exposures, since these are the ones relevant to the toxic air contaminant program.

To download the report, you may visit our Web site at
<<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/empm/pubs/tac/drafttrcd.htm>>. If you currently have no Internet access, we will mail you a hardcopy of this document upon your request.

A public workshop to discuss this draft report is scheduled on:

Friday, August 19, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.
California Environmental Protection Agency Building
Coastal Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814



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The public comment period will extend from the date of this letter through Monday, September 26, 2005. Please submit any comments in writing by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to:

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If you know of others who would be interested in receiving this preliminary report, please let them know that the report is available so they can request copies in time to participate in the public comment or workshop. If you would like to have additional information on any of these matters, please feel free to contact me, or Mr. Randy Segawa, Senior Environmental Research Scientist, at (916) 324-4137.

Sincerely,

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